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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

: Group Art Unit: 1623

Ulf TILSTAM et al.

: Examiner:

Serial No.: 09/471,040



Filed: December 23, 1999

For: **PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FLUDARABINE-PHOSPHATE LITHIUM, SODIUM, POTASSIUM, CALCIUM AND MAGNESIUM SALTS AND PURIFICATION PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FLUDARABINE-PHOSPHATE AND FLUDARABINE-PHOSPHATE WITH A PURITY OF AT LEAST 99.5%**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, please insert:

~~--This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/069,778, filed December 16, 1997.--~~

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REMARKS

The above is believed to be self-explanatory.

Respectfully submitted,

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